

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* Planting Corn/Cotton/Rice/Sorghum/Soybeans/Cutting Hay

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**RELEASED:** May 6, 2002 3:00 p.m.- Temperatures averaged slightly above normal with rainfall ranging from zero to over 5 inches across the state according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Several very warm days allowed field preparations and planting activities to remain in full swing. 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

**CROPS:** Planting sorghum, rice, soybeans, and cotton were the major emphasis. Corn planting is near completion. Fertilizer is being applied to wheat, corn, and sorghum. Producers were spraying for insects in corn, wheat, and sorghum fields. Commercial tomatoes are planted and watermelon planting continues. Pecan and peach trees are being sprayed. Strawberries are being harvested.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle producers were vaccinating cattle. Several suspected cases of rabies were reported. Cattle were in good condition with calves being weaned. Most pastures are in very good condition. Many pastures are still being fertilized and other weed control measures being applied. Hay cuttings continue where fields are dry.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Planted	84	66	82	65					
Emerged	64	41	62	36					
CORN									
Planted	96	86	100	96					
Emerged	86	60	91	62					
COTTON									
Planted	47	24	61	26					
RICE									
Planted	81	70	90	69					
Emerged	60	37	61	35					
SOYBEANS									
Planted	20	12	30	16					
Emerged	12	6	0	2					
WHEAT					3	17	37	38	5
Headed	94	80	93	94					
OTH. HAY					1	1	22	59	17
PASTURE					1	3	17	64	15

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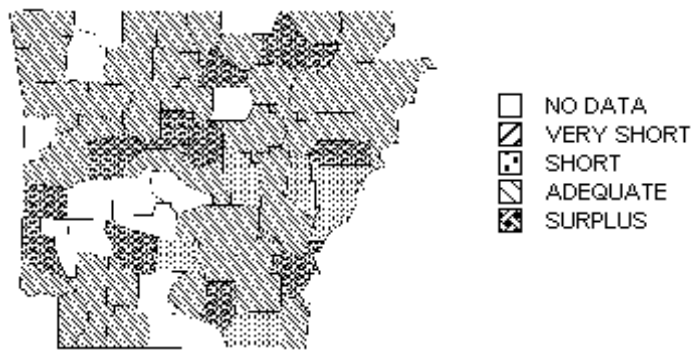
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

May 5, 2002. Temperatures averaged slightly above normal for the week with a wide range of rainfall across the state. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 92<sup>0</sup> and Calico Rock recorded the low temperature of 45<sup>0</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 5.13 inches at Rohwer and a low of 0.00 inch at several reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: May 5, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING MAY 5	CURRENT MAY ACCUM.	MAY NORMAL	JANUARY-APRIL	
1 Fayetteville	86	46	3	0.33	0.33	5.06	17.69	13.05
Harrison	88	46	0	0.74	0.74	5.01	19.67	13.60
2 Calico Rock	86	45	1	0.47	0.47	4.83	23.54	14.79
Greers Ferry	86	50	0	0.16	0.16	5.00	19.74	16.96
Mountain Home	86	48	-2	0.36	0.36	4.85	22.97	14.35
3 Batesville	85	48	-1	0.97	0.97	4.88	17.85	15.86
Jonesboro	86	49	-1	1.04	1.04	4.92	16.49	16.29
Keiser	85	50	0	2.00	2.00	5.57	17.46	17.24
Newport	88	51	0	0.24	0.24	4.74	16.44	16.64
4 Booneville	89	53	2	0.00	0.00	5.73	24.14	14.70
Clarksville	88	52	3	0.00	0.00	5.21	25.08	14.68
Dardanelle	88	52	3	0.09	0.09	5.67	20.36	15.18
Ft. Smith	90	53	4	0.00	0.00	5.29	25.37	12.81
Mena	86	52	3	0.24	0.24	6.65	22.84	17.33
Ozark	88	46	0	0.02	0.02	5.13	28.19	13.66
5 Conway	87	51	0	0.20	0.20	4.62	21.28	16.20
Hot Springs	90	48	1	0.79	0.79	6.41	19.35	18.25
Little Rock	88	51	1	0.79	0.79	5.05	17.53	17.29
N Little Rock	89	54	2	0.64	0.64	5.40	17.60	16.55
6 Brinkley	88	54	1	1.02	1.02	5.70	17.68	17.64
Marianna	89	53	2	2.08	2.08	5.34	17.42	18.92
Stuttgart	91	50	4	3.31	3.31	5.12	18.23	18.23
7 Hope	88	54	3	1.10	1.10	4.90	21.77	18.01
Texarkana	90	55	3	0.84	0.84	4.29	18.49	14.92
8 Camden	91	55	3	3.13	3.13	4.71	14.29	18.45
El Dorado	91	56	4	1.60	1.60	5.49	17.12	18.87
Warren	89	54	4	3.22	3.22	4.67	17.30	20.61
9 Eudora	92	55	7	0.70	0.70	5.43	24.23	22.87
Pine Bluff	90	53	1	2.64	2.64	4.96	20.16	18.43
Rohwer	91	55	4	5.13	5.13	4.78	18.44	19.68